

B. In the Claims:

Please formally cancel claims 53-78 without prejudice. Then please amend claims 24 and 43 as follows.

21. (previously amended) A wash liquor composition for use in laundering a fabric load comprising:

- a) a non-reactive, non-aqueous, non-oleophilic, apolar working fluid, and
- b) at least one washing additive.

22. (previously added) The composition of Claim 21 wherein the working fluid comprises a fluorine-containing compound selected from the group consisting of perfluorocarbons, hydrofluoroethers, fluorinated hydrocarbons, and fluoroinerts.

23. (previously added) The composition of Claim 22 wherein the fluorine-containing compound is  $(CF_3(CF_2)_n)_3N$ , where n is an integer from 4 to 20.

24. (currently amended) The composition of Claim 21 wherein the washing additive is selected from the group consisting of surfactants, enzymes, bleaches, ozone, ~~ultraviolet light~~, hydrophobic solvents, hydrophilic solvents, deodorizers, fragrances, antistatic agents, antistain agents, and mixtures thereof.

25. (previously added) The composition of Claim 24 wherein the washing additive is individually mixed with the working fluid.

26. (previously added) The composition of Claim 21 which further comprises a co-solvent added to the working fluid to form a mixture, wherein the co-solvent is selected from the group consisting of water, alcohols, ethers, glycols, esters, ketones, and aldehydes, and wherein the mixture is sufficiently stable for a fabric washing application.

27. (previously added) The composition of Claim 25 further comprising agents to further effect a change in at least one physical parameter of the working fluid, wherein the at least one

physical parameter is selected from the group consisting of pH, ionic strength, conductivity, or polarity.

28. (previously added) The composition of Claim 21 wherein the working fluid is a liquid.

29. (previously added) The composition of Claim 21 wherein the working fluid has a surface tension of less than or equal to 35 dynes/cm<sup>2</sup>.

30. (previously added) The composition of Claim 21 wherein the working fluid has an oil solvency greater than water without being oleophilic.

31. (previously added) The composition of Claim 30 wherein the KB is less than or equal to 30.

32. (previously added) The composition of Claim 21 wherein the working fluid has a solubility in water of less than about 10%.

33. (previously added) The composition of Claim 21 wherein the working fluid has a viscosity less than water under normal washing conditions.

34. (previously added) The composition of Claim 21 wherein the working fluid has a pH from about 6.0 to about 8.0.

35. (previously added) The composition of Claim 21 wherein the working fluid has a vapor pressure less than the vapor pressure of water.

36. (previously added) The composition of Claim 21 wherein the working fluid has a flash point of greater than or equal to 145 °C.

37. (previously added) The composition of Claim 21 wherein the working fluid is substantially non-reactive under washing conditions.

38. (previously added) The composition of Claim 21 wherein the working fluid is substantially non-swelling to natural fabrics in the fabric load.

39. (previously added) The composition of Claim 21 wherein the working fluid is hydrofluoroether.

40. (previously added) A wash liquor composition for use in laundering a fabric load comprising:

- a) a non-reactive, non-aqueous, non-oleophilic, apolar working fluid, and
- b) at least one non-aqueous washing additive.

41. (previously added) The composition of Claim 40, wherein the working fluid comprises a fluorine-containing compound selected from the group consisting of perfluorocarbon, hydrofluoroether, fluorinated hydrocarbon, and fluoroinert.

42. (previously added) The composition of Claim 41, wherein the fluorine-containing compound is  $(\text{CF}_3(\text{CF}_2)_n)_3\text{N}$ , where n is an integer from 4 to 20.

43. (currently amended) The composition of Claim 40, wherein the non-aqueous washing additive is selected from the group consisting of surfactant, enzyme, bleach, ozone, ~~ultraviolet~~ light, hydrophobic solvent, hydrophilic solvent, deodorizer, fragrance, antistatic agent, antistain agent, and mixtures thereof.

44. (previously added) The composition of Claim 43, wherein the washing additive is individually mixed with the working fluid.

45. (previously added) The composition of Claim 40, which further comprises a co-solvent added to the working fluid to form a mixture, wherein the co-solvent is selected from the group consisting of water, alcohol, ether, glycol, ester, ketone, and aldehyde, and wherein the mixture is sufficiently stable for a fabric washing application.

46. (previously added) The composition of Claim 45 further comprising agents to further effect a change in at least one physical parameter of the working fluid, wherein the at least one physical parameter is selected from the group consisting of pH, ionic strength, conductivity, or polarity.

47. (previously added) The composition of Claim 40, wherein the working fluid is a liquid.

48. (previously added) The composition of Claim 40,

(c) wherein the working fluid has a surface tension of less than or equal to 35 dynes/cm<sup>2</sup>;

(d) wherein the working fluid has an oil solvency greater than water without being oleophilic, and the KB is less than or equal to 30;

(e) wherein the working fluid has a solubility in water of less than about 10%;

(f) wherein the working fluid has a viscosity less than water under normal washing conditions;

(g) wherein the working fluid has a pH from about 6.0 to about 8.0;

(h) wherein the working fluid has a vapor pressure less than the vapor pressure of water; and

(i) wherein the working fluid has a flash point of greater than or equal to 145 °C;

49. (previously added) The composition of claim 48, wherein the working fluid is substantially non-reactive under washing conditions.

50. (previously added) The composition of Claim 48, wherein the working fluid is substantially non-swelling to natural fabrics in the fabric load.

51. (previously added) The composition of Claim 40, wherein the working fluid is hydrofluoroether.

52. (previously added) The composition of claim 48, wherein the working fluid is hydrofluoroether.